



Private aircraft which has been grounded for years goes by road and boat to UK

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A SMALL private plane took the scenic coastal route from the airport to the harbour at the weekend, ready for a trip back to its owner in the UK.

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An unusual sight at the White Rock – a plane waiting for a ferry.(Picture by Adrian Miller, 28484292)

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Aero Club committee member Rob Le Page said the aircraft, registered N11FV, has been in a hangar at the airport for about 30 years and has not flown for the last 20 or so.

The owner decided, partially to limit hangar costs, to transport the aircraft from the island to his property, although the exact destination was not known by the Aero Club.

The Cessna 303 Crusader was loaded onto the back of a Bob Froome low loader for a 5am ride down L'Eree hill and around the coast to the harbour.



The Cessna 303 Crusader, N11FV, being settled down on the back of a Bob Froome low loader for its journey to the harbour. (Picture by Rob Le Page)

'It had to take the long, scenic route from the airport to the harbour because it's the only route where all of the roads are wide enough to be able to cater for such a wide load without disturbing any buildings or trees,' Mr Le Page said.

'The wider part of the wings had been taken off but the rest of the aircraft was left intact.'

Scaffolding along Cobo Coast Road had to be taken down for the large load to pass by, before being put up again after it went past.

Although the plane was meant to get a boat across to the UK at the weekend, it has been delayed until next week, although Mr Le Page was not sure why.